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Waterfronts Across the Commonwealth Open for Summer Season

BOSTON – Ahead of Memorial Day Weekend, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced that many waterfronts across the Commonwealth will open to the public on Saturday, May 27, 2017. Starting Saturday, DCR lifeguards will staff many of the agency's inland and ocean beaches on weekends. Additionally, DCR interpretive staff will be on hand at many state parks and campgrounds to provide residents and families with increased summer programming, events and other activities.

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"The Department of Conservation and Recreation has worked diligently to prepare for the tens of thousands of people who will visit the state's campgrounds, beaches, parks, and reservations this upcoming Memorial Day Weekend," **said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy**. "The Baker-Polito Administration remains committed to providing outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy as part of a healthy, active lifestyle."

As part of the waterfronts opening process, water quality testing at designated swimming areas has already begun. Additionally, comfort stations at many of DCR's beaches will be open for the season.

In late June, the DCR anticipates the opening of its pools, wading pools, and spray decks to the public, and will begin staffing lifeguards at many waterfronts seven days a week. To review the entire list of DCR managed waterfronts, please visit the agency's swimming [webpage](#). Information concerning upcoming summer programming at DCR properties can be found on the agency's [Programs & Events](#) webpage. DCR continues to hire lifeguards for this upcoming summer season, please click [here](#) to apply.

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Leo Roy, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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